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1. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN A POSITION OF COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S ARMS RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA. IF FMG RAISES QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS ASPECT OF ISRAEL'S ACTIVITIES WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR NIGERIA TO TAKE UP THESE MATTERS DIRECTLY WITH THE ISRAELIS. YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSING ISRAELI ARM SALES WITH FMG.

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- 2. IF YOU ARE ASKED ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT YOU MAY REPLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
- -- U.S. POLICY PROHIBITS THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY MATERIEL OR TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH AFRICA.

-- THAT POLICY REMAINS AS VALID TODAY AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. WE HAVE NOT APPROVED THE SALE OF ANY U.S. MILITARY MATERIEL TO SOUTH AFRICA EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA THIRD PARTIES.

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